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1. There is talk to the effect that the town of Sukhumi, Georgian SSR, will in the future become an All-Union town (Vsesoyuznyy gorod) and will be subordinate to Moscow, as is Sochi (sic). According to source, a general purge of undesirable personnel in industry and government is in progress.
2. Certain deportees from the Georgian SSR have been sent to Northern Kazakhstan, but source does not know to what specific location.

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Comment: This is the first report received by this office of the conversion of existing towns into "All-Union towns". Presumably source means that such towns are administered by Moscow rather than by normal oblast or republic authorities. The reason for such an arrangement is understandable in the case of Sukhumi, a research center, but not in the case of Sochi, which is primarily a health resort. It is not clear where source means that the purge is in progress, but the fact that this information immediately follows the statement about the change of status of Sukhumi implies that it is a purge of personnel in this town.

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1. A new thermal (electric) station is being constructed in the Vera district of Tbilisi, i.e., the district around the cable railway.*
2. The Tbilisi radio station, located in the Navtlug sector of the city, has three radio towers.

Comment: The Vera district is on the extreme western edge of Tbilisi, about midway in the north-south length of the town.

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